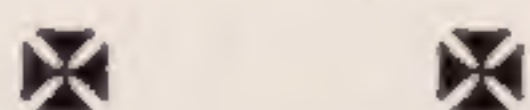




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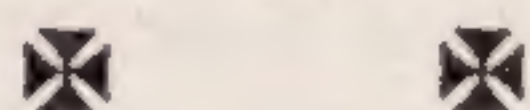


Service of Prayer

for God's Blessing upon the Officers and Men
of the Merchant Navies of the United Nations
with Thankful Recognition of their Heroic Service

Sunday, November 7, 1943

4:00 P. M.



PROCESSION OF THE NATIONS

HYMN 415

Melita

Eternal Father! strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ! whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;

O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;

O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;

Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land
and sea. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES, VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

THE PSALM

Anglican Chant

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord for he is | gracious,
* and his mercy en | dureth . for ever.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath re | deem-ed,
* and deliver-ed from the | hand of . the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and | from the west;
* from the | north, and from the south.

They that go down to the | sea in ships,
* and occupy their business | in great waters;

These men see the works | of the Lord,
* and his | wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind a | riseth,
* which lifteth | up the waves thereof.

They are carried up to the heaven and down again | to the deep;
 * their soul melteth away because | of the trouble.
 So when they cry unto the Lord in their | trouble,
 * he delivereth them | out of their distress.
 For he maketh the | storm to cease,
 * so that the | waves thereof are still.
 Then are they glad because they | are at rest;
 * and so he bringeth them unto the | haven . where they would be.
 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his | goodness;
 * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the | children of men!
 Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son:
 * and | to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever . shall be:
 * world without | end. Amen.

THE LESSON (From the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark)

read by THE REVEREND JAMES C. HEALEY, Ph.D.

The American Seamen's Friend Society

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Stanford

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; * and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; * and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; * as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the State.
Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just work do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

AFTER THE GRACE, ANTHEM

Davies

God be in my head,
 And in my understanding;
 God be in my eyes,
 And in my looking;
 God be in my mouth,

And in my speaking;
 God be in my heart,
 And in my thinking;
 God be at mine end,
 And at my departing.

¶ *Then shall Chaplain Harkness, of the Seamen's Church Institute, offer this prayer.*

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea: Be pleased to receive into thy protection all those who go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters. Preserve them both in body and soul; prosper their labours with good success; in all time of danger be their defense, and bring them to the haven where they would be: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall Chaplain Pollard, of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, offer this prayer.*

O GOD, who art a mighty fortress unto all them which believe in thy Name: behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy servants who, in the lands occupied by the enemy, are bearing their steadfast witness for thee. Stretch forth thy almighty arm to succour and uphold them in their great trials and sufferings. Grant that their faithful example may inspire and strengthen us in this land, and thus hasten the day when the forces of evil and aggression shall be over-thrown, and all the nations now enslaved shall be liberated and restored. And grant, we beseech thee, that victory for the right may open the way for this to be a more Christian world, a world of justice and liberty and brotherhood for all men everywhere; through Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall Chaplain Lawson, of the United States Maritime Training School, offer this prayer.*

O LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who are serving in all the forces of the United Nations, on land, on the sea, and in the air; shelter them in the day of battle, and ever keep them safe from all evil; endue them with loyalty and courage; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN 212

Adeste Fideles

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake. *Amen.*

SERMON

THE REVEREND HAROLD H. KELLEY, D.D.
Director of the Seamen's Church Institute

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM

Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

¶ *The Congregation will stand during the Doxology, and the Bishop's Prayer and Blessing.*

PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK

HYMN 445

St. Anne

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*